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## Bradley Simpson

"The First Right? Self-determination and International History"

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**Bradley Simpson** is an assistant professor of history and international studies at Princeton University. Simpson researches twentieth century U.S. foreign relations and international history, and has an interest in U.S.-southeast relations, political economy, human rights and development.

Currently his research focuses on a global history of self-determination, exploring its political, cultural and legal descent through post-1945 U.S. foreign relations and international politics. His goal is to use the contested history of self-determination claims to re-think contemporary notions of human rights, sovereignty and international order as they intersected with the processes of decolonization, Cold War conflict and globalization.

Simpson book, *Economists with Guns: Authoritarian Development and U.S.-Indonesian Relations, 1960-1968* (Stanford, 2008), explores the intersection of anti-Communism and development thinking in shaping U.S. Indonesian relations.

Recent essays and reviews can be found in *International History Review*, *Cold War History*, *Reviews in American History*, *Diplomatic History*, *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *Critical Asian Studies*, *Peace and Change*, and *East Asia and the United States: An Encyclopedia of Relations Since 1784* (Greenwood, 2003). Simpson was



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He received his PhD from Northwestern University in 2003. He graduated from Georgetown University in 1994 with a BS in international relations.

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